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If you've ever had dreams of owning a football club, you've come to the right place. With your first year of membership, you get a £1 share in the club and you can join our committees, keep our club going, and vote on important issues.

Enjoy the game. C'mon you Tons!

A WORD FROM THE GAFFER

It was a great morale-boosting win in the cup vs London Samurai followed by another good performance last Saturday in the friendly.

We were feeling under pressure to get a result in the cup as there are only so many weeks you can blame Lady Luck. We were definitely due some.

Tactically we learnt from the last time we played Samurai in the league. We weren't pushing on high but sat back and let them play.

Second half, the plan was to push on and we created more chances and took the lead before that penalty shoot-out win,

All credit to all the players who implemented the game plan and limited their goal scoring opportunities.

It was a great result for us and it puts into our first semi-final. Celebrating with the fans at the end was definitely the highlight of the season so far.

The friendly was a good opportunity to rotate and also look at a few things going forward and we definitely came out with lots of positives.

Any win is a good win so we take the momentum of the two wins into the next game.

Back to league action and our league position doesn't look great despite games in hand so it's imperative we start putting a run together and climb the table.

There's better time to start than against Wilberforce Wanderers who we could potentially meet in that semi-final too.





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Liam's Marathon Run

You may see Clapton CFC left-back Liam Smyth pounding the streets of East London in the next few months as he trains for the London Marathon.

Liam is hoping to raise up to £1,000 for Lola's Homeless, who provide shelter for people sleeping rough in freezing temperatures in Newham, and Clapton CFC's own community work.

Liam, whose day job is a history teacher, told us: "At my school we have done a lot of work raising money for homeless charities, donating to food banks and raising awareness among students as to why people become homeless and how they are often trapped in a cycle of poverty that is tough to escape from.

"Lots of parents have spoken to me about their experiences of austerity and this has made me think about how I should do more to help.

"I've seen parents not being able to afford a coat for their child this winter, after being laid off work or moving from hostel to hostel with their kids.

"It is heartbreaking and made me realise the extent to which our society is failing a large group of people currently due to cuts

"Issues like homelessness are easy for people to ignore and we need to be doing something to improve the lives of those less fortunate."

He is also raising money for Clapton CFC's community work, and added: "Clapton CFC is an inclusive community that fights for justice and against inequality.

"Ever since joining Clapton CFC I have seen the impact that a strong community can have. The growth and success of the football club is second to the growth and success of it as a community. The perfect type of football club to get behind!"

Asked why he signed for the club, Liam said: "I went to watch Clapton FC a couple of years ago with Phil Blakesley, 'away' to Hackney Wick who were sharing the Clapton home ground, on Non-League Day.

"It was a fantastic atmosphere and I learnt a lot about the club then. Jim Brown (a founding member of CCFC) and colleague of



Dan Anfossy asked if I wanted to go down to the open trials in the summer and the rest is history.

"I probably would not have played Saturday football if it wasn't for Clapton and what they represent, this was the main reason I decided to go to the trials after being out of Saturday football for eight years."

This will be Liam's first marathon and he admits: "I really hate running so I'm not sure how I will get on.

"I did the Hackney half marathon last year raising money for St Joseph's hospice and that was one of the hardest things I've done.

"Playing matches and training for Clapton CFC is the priority, which doesn't leave much time for long distance running, but if I raise some money for a good cause I'll get over the finish line somehow!"

Please lob Liam a few £s here if you can. If you donate £30 or more, he will personally buy a beer for you at a Clapton CFC home game, just select that option under 'perks'.

You can donate to Liam's fundraiser at: <https://chuffed.org/project/running-for-the-homeless-and-clapton-community-fc>

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Nae Pasaran film screening

Dir. Felipe Bustos Sierra, UK, 2018, 85 mins, English and Spanish with English subtitles

The Wanstead Tap, 352 Winchelsea Rd, London E7 0AQ

Wednesday 29th March 2019. 7pm.

Tickets £6 including a complimentary beer.

We're hosting a screening of Nae Pasaran and a raffle at the Wanstead Tap to raise funds for Clapton CFC.

In 1974, a group of workers at the Rolls-Royce factory in East Kilbride, Scotland refused to repair Chilean Air Force jet engines in protest against General Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship.

The Hawker Hunter planes the workers refused to repair had been used during the brutal military coup in September 1973.

Although the boycott lasted four years, the Scottish workers never learned the extent of their impact.

Director Felipe Bustos Sierra – the Scotland-based son of a Chilean exile – reunites former factory workers Bob Fulton, Robert Somerville, Stuart Barrie and John Keenan to hear their story. Nae Pasaran also details the horrors of the Pinochet years, meets survivors of the period and hears the Chilean side of the story.

You can buy your tickets at the merch table at today's game, or online.

Today's Cover Art

Today's loud and proud cover is by Alex Brown (alexbrown.uk).

If you want to design a cover for one of our programmes this season, email us at comms@claptoncfc.co.uk or via Twitter or Instagram.

GK coach appointed to Geoff Ocran's backroom staff



Player-manager Geoff Ocran has made another appointment to his backroom staff with the addition of a goalkeeper coach.

Tolga Ulasan will join assistant manager Stu Purcell, first-team coach Yacine Rabia, player-coach Sham Darr and physio Shaun Duckett in Ocran's coaching staff.

Ulasan has previously played with Ocran, Rabia, Darr and striker Sherwin Stanley among others during his playing days from church leagues up to semi-pro level.

He told us: "When the chance came to do what I love doing, it made perfect sense to join a team as special as Clapton CFC with a great community behind them and a fan base that is great at home and away games. Also the fans that are abroad too following the team from afar."

Ulasan, whose favourite keepers are Peter Schmeichel past and Ederson present, will be coaching Clapton CFC's two keepers Dan Anfossy and Vlad Bendovskyy.

He added he wants to "give the keepers confidence in their own ability. The keepers are a vital part of any team's success."



19/01/2019 JIM ROGERS PRESIDENT'S CUP



PHOTO Max Reeves

On Samurai's pristine 3G home ground, they play like Barcelona. On the Stray Dog pitch in winter, things just got messy.

Cups and magic go together like pie and mash. Like winter and grey skies. Like waking up in the morning and drinking a can of Tyskie.

And there was definitely something special in the air when Clapton Community took on high-flying league rivals London Samurai Rovers in the quarter finals of the Jim Rogers.

The Tons held their nerve in a tense penalty shootout – after a tense game – to progress to the last four and spark jubilant Stray Dog scenes.

Geoff Ocran was joined by the returning Paul Oshin in the centre of the park. Eliot Crosbie, lover of getting stuck in, rounded out a solid midfield trio, which largely managed to stifle Samurai's creative threat.

The first half was mostly offside decisions, with occasional outbreaks of football. Samurai repeatedly tried to spring past the Tons backline, but struggled to get their timing right.

Clapton too fell afoul of the flag. On 10 minutes, Jake Stevens stroked home from close range, only for it to be chalked off.

At the start of the second half, our top scorer Sherwin Stanley was played through on goal, but scuffed his shot straight at the keeper.

Anfossy made a fine low stop and up at the other end Josh Adejokun had a shot saved.

Just after the half hour mark, Ocran threaded through and Stanley was through on goal again. This time, he finished with aplomb.

The offside trap and the Samurai goalies were finally beaten. 1-0 Clapton.

The flow of play was very much in favour of the home side. Stefan Nielsen came on as a sub, straight off a flight from Houston, and immediately started causing Samurai problems.

game, a fact bemoaned by their manager after the game.

But then going into the last ten minutes, Samurai did manage to force an equaliser, through a close-range shot by Wataru Tobe.

The momentum swung dramatically back to the away side. In the closing stages, Samurai were applying all the pressure. The red and white faithful were massively relieved when the ref blew the full time whistle at 1-1. With no extra time in this competition, Clapton were happy to see it go straight to penalties.

The Tons fans piled into the thin strip of ground behind the goal to form a distracting backdrop for the Samurai penalty takers. And an encouraging backdrop for the Clapton ones. And a distracting presence for the Samurai keeper.

But the quality of the penalties was excellent.

The first four were confidently dispatched by Stanley, Nielsen, Stevens and substitute Bogdan Panescu.

Samurai were similarly clinical from 12 yards, until their fourth taker sheepishly stepped up. His unconfident effort was easily stopped by Anfossy.

It was left to Yacine Rabia to take the decisive kick. With the coolest head in the Dog, the CCFC player-coach lashed it into the top corner to make it 5-3 and book the Tons a semi final slot.

Tons fans rushed onto the pitch to celebrate with the players. Hero Anfossy was held aloft.

The Clapton management team were especially hopefully that this could prove to be a turning point, after a run of three disappointing league defeats. Coach Sham Darr explained how Clapton made it competitive: "we used our key strengths, our strength, our height, our pace, our power...I'm sure you saw some tackles flying in to get the fans up for it!"

The semi final will be played on the third of March against Yeading Town, FC Roast or Wilberforce Wanderers.

CCFC Anfossy, Kilon, Smyth, Oshin, Rabia, Akanbi, Adejokun, Ocran, Stanley, Crosbie, Stevens **Subs** Hashim, Nielsen, Panescu, Darr, Bouho.

The Samurai players were trying to take too many touches in the Clapton box. The bobbles were putting them off their shooting

A morale-boosting friendly win for The Tons



26/01/2019 - FRIENDLY

Clapton CFC are gradually finding their form again after notching up a second win in a row in this low-key friendly versus Eastfield.

The two teams were due to play each other in the league at Eastfield's home, Ive Farm Sports Ground in Leyton, but had to be postponed as a hockey tournament was taking place there instead.

Player-manager Geoff Ocran took the chance of arranging a friendly on the 3G pitch at Wadham Lodge rather than face a free weekend and gave several players some welcome game time. For the second week in a row, penalties proved decisive.

After beating London Samurai in a shootout in the Jim Rogers Presidents Cup quarter-final, this time it was two penalty saves in either half that helped Clapton CFC to victory.

Mr Versatile, Ashley Headley, usually a defender but playing the first half in goal, superbly saved a penalty midway through the first half with the game finally poised at 0-0.

From almost going behind from the spot, within minutes CCFC were soon 2-0 up.

It was pleasing to see a fine strike from Eliot Crosbie, who despite several man-of-the-match performances recently hadn't scored in a while.

That was followed soon later by a stunning solo goal by Stefan Nielsen, dribbling through the defence and shooting low.

At half-time, Vlad Bendovskyy took over in goals and carried on where Headley left off, saving another penalty as well as a string of other fine saves as Eastfield took the game to the Tons.

Late on, Bendovskyy was finally beaten to lose the coveted clean sheet but CCFC held firm after that for a morale-boosting win.

No online vote for man-of-the-match took place this week, but a show of hands among the few dozen supporters who came along gave it to Bendovskyy.

CCFC Headley, Rehman, Kilron, Carding, Bouho, Kwakye, Blakesley, Keir, Crosbie, Nielsen, Rene **Subs:** Bendovskyy, Ocran, Panescu, Kadler **Subs**



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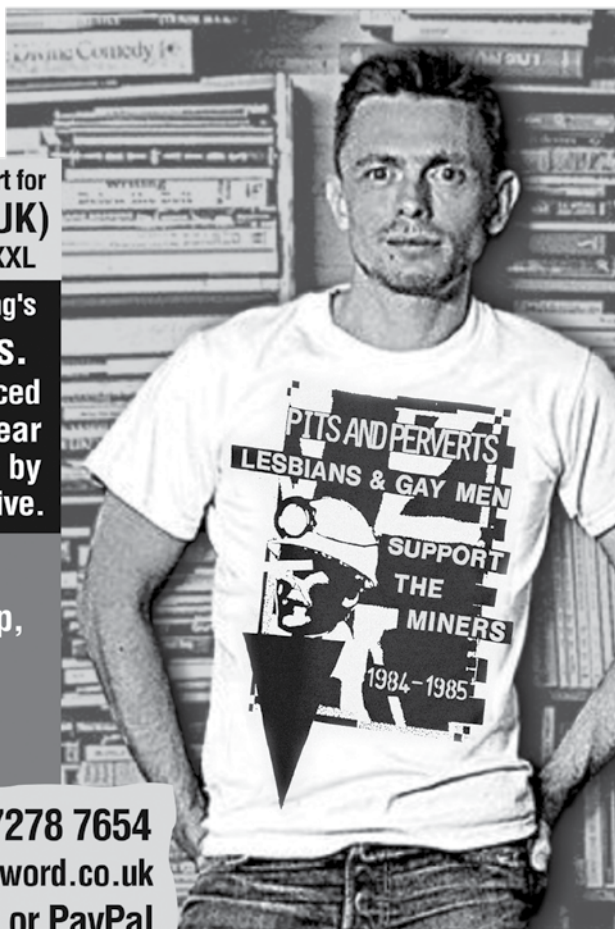
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HARRY EARLE



THE RELUCTANT PROFESSIONAL

In modern football parlance, the term
'amateur' is often used to signify a lack
of professionalism, sub-standard skill
or limited talent.



LEFT
Clapton FC including
Harry Earle
(front row centre).

In the early throes of the game, however, being described as 'amateur' had very different connotations, linked directly to principle rather than ability.

Upright, often well-to-do characters, proudly declared as amateur in an era of the game that demanded a rigid distinction to professionalism.

The Football Association kept a hawkish watch that the practice of payment to play, prevalent in northern industrial cities, didn't compromise the sheltered ethics of the gentleman footballer.

At the more proletarian end of amateur football, Clapton FC was a leading light for some of England's brightest talent, boasting an impressive alumni of trophy-winners and internationals.

In 1894, a young, robustly mustached utility player named Harry Earle arrived in Forest Gate, from Southern League rivals, Millwall, via a stint at Royal Arsenal.

Earle had just taken a position as a trainee teacher at a nearby school, a much better paid and longer-term career prospect than that of a professional sportsperson.

Over the following decade, Earle became a figurehead at Clapton, captaining the side from centre back and as goalkeeper. The Sussex-born stopper became the bedrock of a team on the verge of greatness.

In 1904, however, just prior to Clapton launching into an era of gratuitous trophy winning, Earle was suddenly dragged out of amateurism and propelled, unwillingly, into the top level of professional football.

A furniture set, given by the club to their talisman captain, as a wedding gift, was deemed by the FA to be a form payment and Harry Earle was suddenly re-classified as a professional.

Despite appeals from the club and the player, the former Arsenal man was forced to leave amateur Clapton and find a club in the Football League.

Earle signed for top-flight Notts County the same year, making his debut, as a goalkeeper, in a 1 - 3 defeat to Everton at the City Ground. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph had credited Earle for keeping his new club in the game.

Having helped County avoid relegation, Earle retired from football after one season as a professional. He had one last friendly game before hanging up his boots; Notts County away at Clapton.

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HOW THE CCFC AWAY SHIRT WAS CHOSEN & THE ONES THAT GOT AWAY

As you may have seen, Clapton CFC are finally able to get some more replica shirts made and so have reopened our online shop. The interest in our newly established club – and particularly our away shirt – took everyone by surprise this summer. After all, we budgeted to sell 250 shirts – home and away – combined.

As a members-owned, fan-run club, we try to put decisions to a democratic vote where possible. So in the summer, we invited members to submit a design for an away shirt.

16 designs were suggested, some similar to another well respected team's colours, some taking cues from history, and some completely new.

The kits were voted for online over the course of a week and then the results announced at the club Annual General Meeting on 14th June.

In the end, the 'No Pasaran' design won with over 70% of the vote in the final and the rest is history. However, there were lots of fantastic designs in there along the way. Here they are, ranked in order of popularity.

BELOW This was another nod to Rayo Vallecano, along with Peru and River Plate. There was some contention over whether it would work as our away kit in our home colours.



LEFT This was created to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Spanish Civil War and all those who fought against Franco, using the colours from the flag of the Spanish Republic and the three pointed star of the International Brigades who travelled to Spain. Though they were ultimately unsuccessful, they will always be remembered.

The design was created and proposed by CCFC member Thom Bleasdale, who has since had the amazing feeling of having over 10,000 people buy the shirt he design.

He said: "It was fantastic to have a great response to our process to choose an away kit for the season, with lots of designs proposed and then a big turnout from our membership in our knockout votes.

"I'm already looking forward to seeing what comes in next time round!"

The sharp-eyed among you may have noticed a slight difference with the above design and the one the players and fans actually ended up wearing.

We gave members a final option to suggest tweaks to the design, and they chose to remove the circle on the back. A true collaboration.





LEFT This was an original design by one of our members. It includes the now iconic shipping container graffiti from the Old Spotted Dog across the back.



LEFT This is an homage to a Rayo Vallecano kit – their third kit from 2016-17 to be precise.

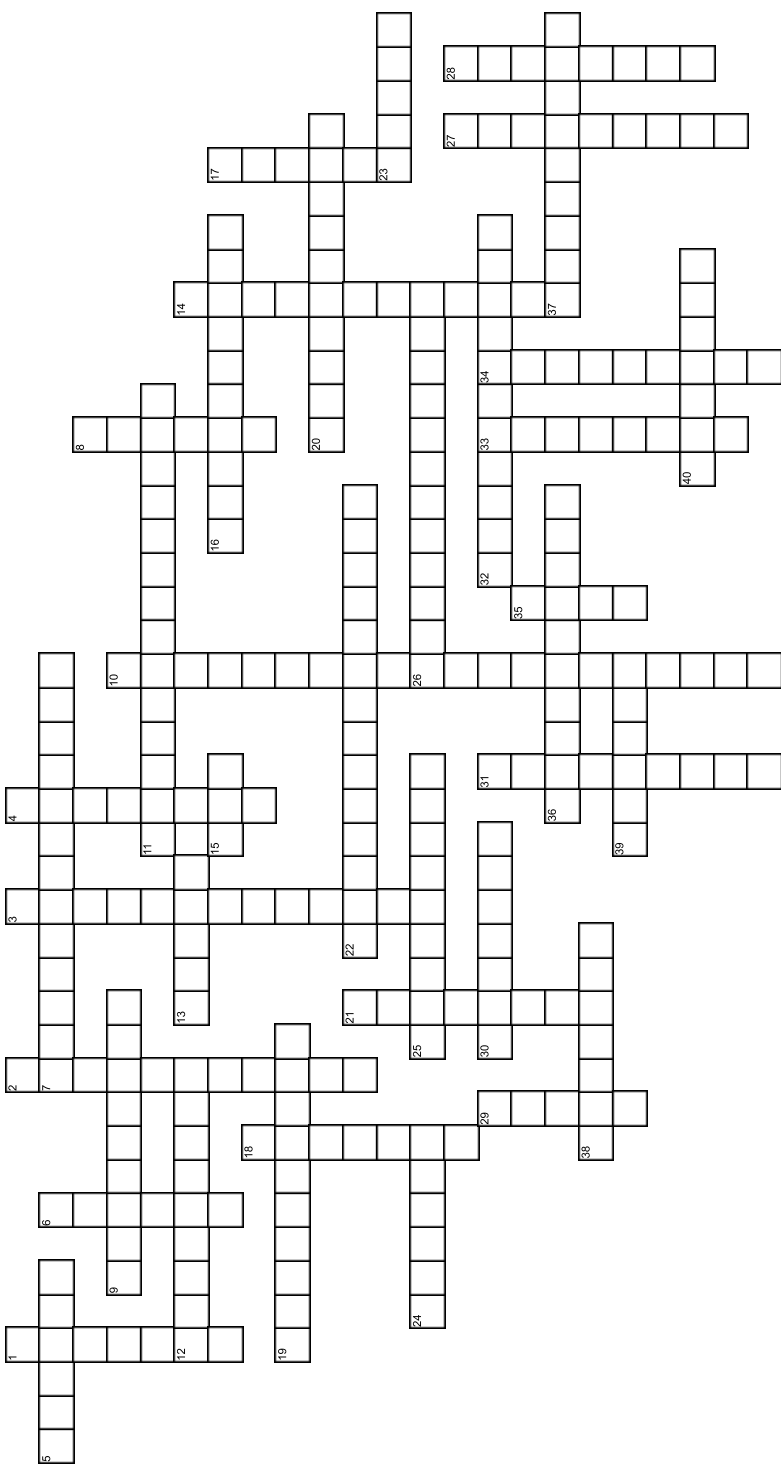




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THE CLAPTON CFC CROSSWORD



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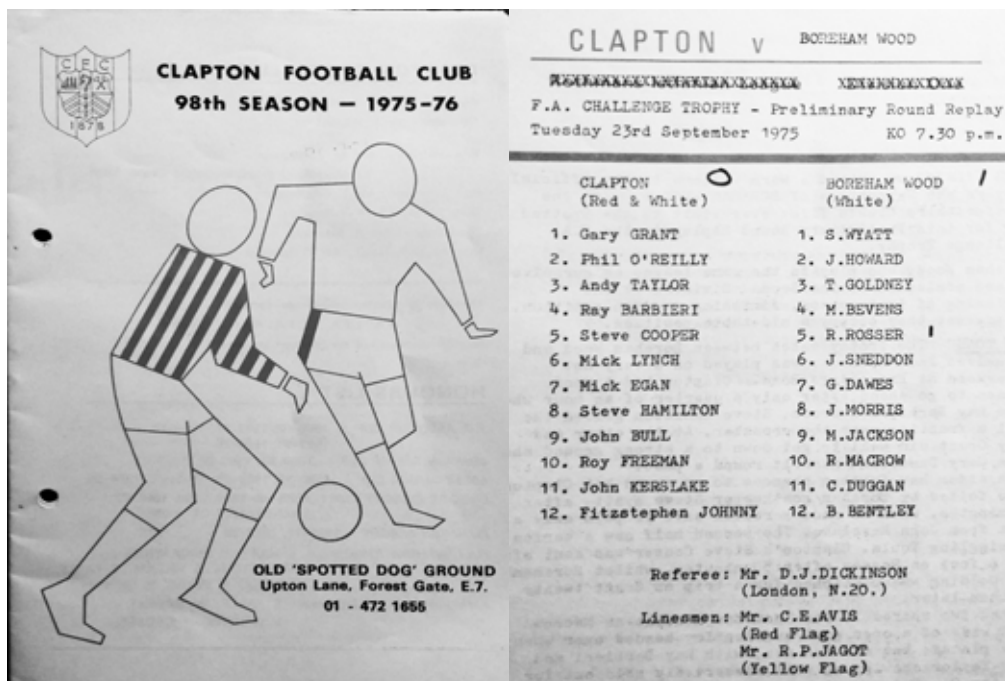
- 5 Down the Dog, it's where I'll ... be
- 7 CCFC's spiritual home
- 9 At the Stray Dog we will ... and ...
- 11 (Player) Nielsen Swarthy
- 12 Food bank supported by Clapton CFC
- 13 There's a ... that keeps on calling me
- 15 Animal that features on the FC Roast badge
- 16 Century of Clapton FC's formation
- 19 Ton's player/coach
- 20 (Player) Softy Seed Drill Inventor
- 22 Our footballing, tattooing, programme cover designing Ukrainian
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HISTORY

TROPHY BITTER: Clapton v Boreham Wood 23/9/1975 by Gary Price



The FA had decided to dispense with the term amateur from the start of the 1974/5 season. Thenceforward all footballers irrespective of status were to be called "players". On 20/4/74 the 71st and last FA Amateur Cup Final saw Bishops Stortford defeat Ilford 4-1 in front of 31.000 at Wembley. It was a competition that Clapton had a proud record in, five wins making it the most successful southern club in the competition's history.

From 1974/5, non league clubs would participate in either the FA Challenge Trophy or FA Vase. The Trophy first contested in 1969/70 was for semi professional teams in the upper echelons of the non league

game, with the final held at Wembley. 21.000 witnessed Macclesfield defeat Telford in the 1st final. Obviously not all non league teams had the credentials to enter the Trophy so the Vase was created to fill the vacuum. The Vase to all intents and purposes replaced the Amateur Cup. The competition witnessed its first final also at Wembley in April 1975, 10.000 seeing Hoddesdon defeat Epsom.

As members of The Isthmian League, Clapton gained entry to the Trophy. This was to last until 1986/7 with the exception of the 1982/3 season. On the 23/9/1975 Clapton played its 1st ever home tie in the Trophy, a preliminary round replay against fellow Isthmian League team Boreham Wood.

The previous season, Clapton's 1st in the Trophy, resulted in 1-3 defeat at Hertford Town.

Boreham Wood founded in 1948 after an amalgamation of Boreham Wood Rovers and Royal Retournez were in their 2nd season in the league. As Athenian League champions in 1974 they were invited to join the Isthmian League 2nd division. They finished a respectable 13th in their 1st season as a more senior club.

A standard 12 page programme was issued by Clapton for the Tuesday night replay. The contents included , the names of club officials, vice presidents and life members, honours, club notes, a quiz and that night's teams. Adverts for local businesses made up the rest of the programme. Poignantly an advert for the Spotted Dog asked, "Wouldn't You Sooner Go To A Schooner". A great meal for around a pound was on offer in one of its 4 restaurants, 4 bars and snack bar.

The two pages of club notes were devoted to Ton's previous three games. Clapton had registered its 1st success of the season 11 days previously with a 2-0 home win over Finchley in the 1st qualifying round of The FA Cup. Joy was short lived though, because on the following Tuesday Ton lost 0-8 in the league at eventual champions Enfield. There was more detailed reporting on the 1st game at Boreham Wood, where Clapton had the better of the exchanges in a scrappy goalless draw.

At the time The Dog hosted 2 other teams, Canning Town playing on alternate Saturdays, and Europa FC on Sundays. A forthcoming attraction was the charity game to be played between the Met Police and a Jimmy Hill X1, on November 10th.

The replay saw Ton lose 0-1, as Boreham Wood progressed to the next round , to be beaten by Finchley. After beating Finchley in the FA Cup, Clapton fell at the next hurdle, 1-2 at home to Cheshunt. Clapton went on to endure its worst ever league season in its history finishing bottom and suffering relegation for the 1st time. Ton finished 23 points adrift of next to bottom Oxford City with a record of:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
42	3	3	36	19	112	9

Two of Ton's wins came against Oxford, the other a home win over 15th placed Barking. The defeat at Enfield proved to be the biggest winning margin in the league that season. Boreham Wood continued to improve, finishing 8th and went on to do the double over Clapton the following season. The clubs were to meet 6 times as Isthmian League clubs, Wood winning on each occasion.

In all Clapton played 20 games in the Trophy, before the club's lesser status in the Isthmian league saw it consigned to the Vase. Ton never progressed beyond the 2nd qualifying round in the Trophy. The only away win , also its largest in the competition, was by 5-1 at Dunstable in 1983/4. The biggest defeat, also Ton's last ever game in the Trophy was 0-5 at Leyton Wingate in 1985/6.

Overall Trophy record:

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	12	4	3	5	19	19
Away	8	1	1	6	9	20
Total	20	5	4	11	28	39

Scarborough defeated Stafford in the 1976 Trophy final before 21.000 to maintain the north's hegemony of the competition.

AWAY! AWAY! AWAY!

In his famous essay *The Moon Under Water*, George Orwell describes his perfect pub. The actual pub never existed (although today it is the name of countless Wetherspoon pubs), but was an amalgamation of his favourite things from many places. If he'd instead been writing about the perfect Away Day, what would be in there? A win of course is great, but it's often as much the location and what happens off the pitch that turns a good away day into one that sticks with you for years. Over the coming issues we'll be sharing fan experiences from Clapton Away Days this season and once the final game is played voting will be opened for the coveted title of "Away Day of the Year"

We'll start at the beginning, with three trips from Clapton CFC's pre-season last summer.

AWAY! AWAY! AWAY!

21st July, Holland FC, Eastcliff Recreation Ground

A day of beginnings, both for CCFC and Holland FC's newly renovated Eastcliff Recreation Ground. The ground is a pleasant walk along the coast from the main train station and many Tons fans used the blazing July weather as an excuse to hit the beach before the game. The new ground offered a pristine playing surface with built in sprinklers. It also has a reasonably priced, well stocked bar filled with friendly home fans.

29th July, West Essex FC, London Stadium Community Track

What the ground lacks for in atmosphere it makes up for in location, sitting in the shadow of the London Olympic Stadium. The small, all seater stand is separated from the pitch by a running track which inevitably drains some energy from the venue. There's also little in the way of amenities nearby. On a sunny Saturday, preceded by a bit of ambling round the Olympic Park, it would make for a good afternoon, on a drizzly Sunday less so.

4th August, Sporting Hackney, Mabley Green

Direct busses from Stratford and Hackney brought the Tons fans to this charming ground to see their team notch up their first ever goals and win. A welcoming atmosphere was provided by the hosts for this fundraiser and the hot weather guaranteed a good turnout. Very much a BYOB venue, as there was no way you were getting to a shop and back within the half time break.

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Goalkeepers

Daniel Anfossy
Gravy Ultras aka CCFC
Northern Supporters.

Vladyslav Bendovskyy
Keep 'em out
keeper.
Martin

Defenders

Andrew Lastic
Good luck, skipper.
From CCFC Northern
Supporters aka
Gravy Ultras

Dean Bouho
Your clearances
threaten low-
flying aircraft.
Keep up the
hard work

Liam Smyth
... and we both
looked at each
other and said
"Bobby Moore!"
J

Romelle Pile
Keep it up!
East London Workers
and Peasant's Red
Army.

Tom Carding
Monday Night
Football's very
own has made it
to the big leagues!
TB

Ellick Coleman Available
Ethan Dixon Available
Yacine Rabia Available
Ashley Headley Available
Alex Akanbi Available

Midfield

Geoff Ocran
C'mon Geoffrey
Ocran, score a
goal for George
and Charlie.

Joshua Adejokun
Fly down
that wing.
Paul Rutherford

Stefan Kilron
I've joined the
DKMS register.
Have you?
SJ

Phil Blakesley
Best of luck for
the season.
The Homer Tons
A&E Disco Division

Louis Rene
Louis Rene - the
only good
thing about the
right wing
Paul HL

Sham Darr
Thatcher
Died Alone
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Nabeel Hashim
Keep on
keepin' on!
The Irn Bru Cru

Paul Oshin
Wilf & Niamh are
epic so score an
epic goal

Ben Kadler Available
Louis Rene Available
Jake Stevens Available
Callum Keir Available
Maxwell Nwofor Available
Prince Kwakye Available
Tré Cartier Available
Cemal Agdelen Available

Attack

Bogdan Panescu
Forza Clapton!
Danny Daly

Eliot Crosbie
Oh Eliot Crosbie -
Keep banging in
the goals
Stan, Austin and Cole

Stefan Nielsen
Tons' very own
Michael Laudrup.
Gary Price

Sherwin Stanley
Good Luck for the
rest of the season.
Colin

Jon Akaly Available
Charlie Fagan Available
Saïd Jaffa Available
Tashan Benjamin Available
Lewis Owiredo Available



ROMELLE PILE

PLAYER

PROFILE

Full Name: Romelle Pile **Place of Birth:** North Middlesex hospital **Birthdate:** 08/02/1981 **Height:** 5 feet 7 inches
Weight: 10 stone **Place where you live:** South London
Day job: Steward/labourer/office support **Previous clubs:** Forest Green **Favourite player:** Thierry Henry
Favourite team, apart from Clapton CFC: Arsenal **Most memorable match played in:** Cup final for my old Sunday team called Palmerston **Favourite ground played at:** West Ham training ground **Biggest high in football:** Winning the double with Palmerston **Lowest point in football:** Getting relegated with Forest Green **Likes and hobbies:** Football, organising events, spending time with loved ones **Dislikes:** Marmite **Favourite charity:** YMCA **Favourite country visited:** Barbados **Favourite food:** King prawns in satay sauce with egg fried rice **Favourite music/performers:** Wretch32 **Favourite TV shows:** Match of the day, Boku no Hero Academia **Favourite film:** Dark Knight **What you love about football:** Everything **What you hate about football:** Love it all **Biggest influence on you:** My mum **Footballing ambition:** To create a successful Sunday league team **Who would you most like to meet:** Thierry Henry



OPPONENTS

WILBERFORCE WANDERERS



Today's opponents were originally and Old Boys team for alumni from Emmanuel College Cambridge. Founded by former students who were living and working in London, the club continues to recruit from the college to this day. They are stalwarts of the Middlesex County Football League (MCFL) having been a member of division one since 2005. Since their formation in 2002 the club has broadened out its recruitment and now boast a range of international talent with players hailing from around the world.

Back in November they made up one half of a historic clash against Stonewall FC under the world famous arch of Wembley Stadium. This week CCFC caught up with Wilberforce's Andy Stothart to ask him how the team found this once in a lifetime experience.

"Wembley was an incredible experience and almost certainly the biggest highlight of the club's history so far! We have a long history as friendly rivals with Stonewall (Wembley was our 23rd meeting), and we were delighted to have the opportunity to be involved in the historic fixture, supporting the Rainbow Laces campaign and diversity in sport. Other than the result, couldn't have been more pleased with how it went, with both teams made to feel very welcome by all of the FA staff involved in the event."

On the night Wilberforce were defeated 3-1 by the league leaders, however they have been having a competitive season so far currently sitting 6th in the table. They are also a potential opponent of Clapton in their next round of the Jim Rogers competition in March.

Out of season, Wilberforce are a well travelled team, having previously done tours to Norway, Germany, Czech Republic and even Malawi. Next year's tour is still to be announced, but Andy mentioned to us that they are looking at trips to either Portugal or Norway.

After a slide in form over Christmas, Clapton have been able to return to winning ways backing up their cup win with a 2-1 friendly result against Eastfield played on the astroturf at Walthamstow. The Tons showed resilience to hold onto the lead, including two game rescuing penalty saves from Ashley Hedley and Vlad Bendovsky.

Andy Stothart mentioned that Tons fans should keep an eye out for "last year's player of the season and Wanderers no.9 Tiago Pereira. He's on form again this season with 10 goals from 12, and will be looking to add to that on Saturday!"

RESULTS

2018/19 Season

Cherry Red Records Middlesex County Football League Div. 1 unless stated

Sep 15	Ealing Town FC 1 CCFC 2 (Smyth, Oshin)
BBC Essex Premier Cup Round 1	
Sep 22	CCFC 4 (Oshin, Crosbie, Stanley 2) Hutton FC 5
Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup	
Sept 29	South Kilburn Reserves 2 CCFC 4 (Crosbie, Bouho, Nielsen 2)
Oct 6	CCFC 4 (Stanley 3, Bouho) FC Roast 4
Friendly	
Oct 12	Walthamstow FC 1 CCFC 0
Anagram Records Trophy Round 1	
Oct 20	CCFC 3 (Adejokun 2, Smyth) Epping Town FC 1
Nov 3	CCFC 11 (Crosbie 5, Stanley 2, Rene 2, Stevens 2) Hereford Palace 1
Anagram Records Trophy Round 2	
Nov 10	Letchworth Garden City Eagles 0 CCFC 2 (Stanley 2)
Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup	
Nov 17	FC Deportivo Galicia Reserves 1 CCFC 4 (Crosbie 2, Adejokun, Stanley)
Nov 24	London Samurai 5 CCFC 1 (Nielsen)
Dec 1	CCFC 1 (Owiredu) Eastfield 1
Dec 8	The Curve 1 CCFC 2 (Oshin, Crosbie)
Dec 15	CCFC 1 (Stanley) Ealing Town FC 4
Jan 5	CCFC 1 (Adejokun) FC Star London 3
Jan 12	Stonewall FC 4 CCFC 0
Jim Rogers President's Division One Cup	
Jan 19	CCFC 1 London Samurai 1 (5-3 pens)
Friendly	
Jan 26	CCFC 2 (Crosbie, Nielsen) Eastfield 1

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Stonewall	12	10	1	1	43	8	35	31
2 NW London	12	8	1	3	50	30	20	25
3 London Samurai	9	8	0	1	38	5	33	24
4 The Curve	13	6	1	6	44	20	24	19
5 FC Star London	10	6	1	3	24	12	12	19
6 Wilberforce Wan's	13	6	1	6	42	37	5	19
7 Eastfield	11	3	3	5	29	28	1	12
8 Ealing Town	13	3	3	7	24	40	-6	12
9 CLAPTON CFC	9	3	2	4	23	24	-1	11
10 FC Roast	9	2	1	6	20	35	-15	7
11 Hereford Palace	13	0	0	13	8	116	-108	0

FIXTURES*

Feb 2	CCFC v Wilberforce Wan's 2pm
Feb 16	CCFC v Stonewall FC 2pm
Anagram Records Trophy Round 3	
Feb 23	CCFC v Chip. Corinthians 2pm
Mar 2	CCFC v NW London FC 2:30pm
Mar 9	Wilberf. Wan's v CCFC 2:30pm
Mar 16	FC Star Lond. v CCFC 2:30 pm
Mar 23	FC Roast v CCFC 2:30 pm
Mar 25	Barkingside FC v CCFC 7:45pm
Mar 30	Eastfield v CCFC 2pm
Apr 6	NW London FC v CCFC 3pm
Apr 13	CCFC v The Curve FC 3:00 pm
Apr 27	CCFC v London Samurai 3pm
May 4	Hereford Palace FC v CCFC 3pm

*All fixtures subject to change (please check our website for the most up-to-date list).

GOALS/ASSISTS/ APPEARANCES

Sherwin Stanley	12/7/12
Eliot Crosbie	10/2/12
Joshua Adejokun	4/2/8
Paul Oshin	3/1/8
Stefan Nielsen	3/7/11
Liam Smyth	2/3/14
Dean Bouho	2/2/12

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Ellick Coleman
Ethan Dixon
Liam Smyth
Romelle Pile
Tom Carding
Yacine Rabia
Alex Akanbi

MIDFIELD

Ben Kadler
Callum Keir
Geoff Ocran
Jake Stevens
Joshua Adejokun
Louis Rene
Maxwell Nwofor
Nabeel Hashim
Paul Oshin
Phil Blakesley
Prince Kwakye
Sham Darr
Stefan Kilron
Gemal Agdelen

ATTACK

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Charlie Fagan
Eliot Crosbie
Jon Akaly
Saiid Jaffa
Sherwin Stanley
Stefan Nielsen
Tashan Benjamin
Tre Cartier
Lewis Owiredu

WILBERFORCE WANDERERS

Naoto Oishi
Gary Potter
Andrew Stothart
Takuya Arakawa
Samuel Aylott
Anthony Da Silva
James Douglas

Adam Featherstone
Stuart Gardner
Joseph Garrood
James Graham
James Hadley
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